

WHEREAS, the Second Annual Charleston STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) Festival will be held at Brittlebank Park, Charleston on Saturday, February 7, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the Charleston STEM Festival is to increase public awareness, interest, and understanding about STEM by offering more than 50 fun, family-friendly, hands-on activities and shows; and

WHEREAS, through the various activities and shows, the Charleston STEM Festival will increase engagement and participation in STEM learning opportunities among students and the public, showcasing the diversity of STEM occupations and offering a direct connection to our vibrant community of STEM professionals; and

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize that STEM is essential for modern society. Every day, each of us benefit from STEM knowledge through the food we eat, the air we breathe, and the water we drink. STEM powers our world, protects us from natural disasters, improves our health, and entertains us; and

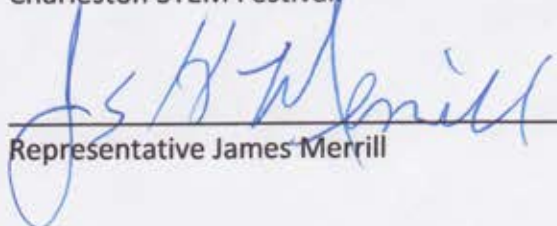
WHEREAS, the citizens of the Lowcountry will have the opportunity to see how STEM is an economic engine for not only Charleston, Dorchester, and Berkeley counties, but also the State of South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of our greater community will have the opportunity to celebrate STEM, much like we celebrate sports, food, art and music, integrated into our culture as a community tradition;

NOW THEREFORE, as Representatives of the Lowcountry, do hereby proclaim February 7, 2015 as

Charleston STEM Festival Day

in the Lowcountry and ask all citizens to join us in celebrating STEM and participating in the Charleston STEM Festival.



Representative James Merrill